GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5241
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LEGAL EXPENDITURE OF CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of CIL has spent crores of rupees as legal expenditure since 1975 and have shown these spendings as miscellaneous expenses in its account books;

(b) if so, whether Central Vigilance Commission have received any complaints in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to probe this expenditure throrugh an independent agency;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and (1) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) Coal India Limited (CIL) have spent an amountof Rs. 251.03 lakhs as legal expenses during the period of26 years between 1974 to 31.03.2000. This expenditure is shown separately in the schedule of other expenses forming part of the profit and loss account of CIL.

(b): No, Sir.

(c) to (f): Does not arise in view of the answer given to part (b) of the question.